

IOWA

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, yesterday many parts of my home State of Iowa were hit by extreme winds and severe storms—90-mile-an-hour winds, probably along the path along Interstate 80 from the Missouri River to the Mississippi River. Trees are uprooted, roadways are obstructed, crops are severely damaged, grain bins are busted, outbuildings lost, some homes hurt, and over 400,000 households lost power.

Just like any other natural disaster Iowa has experienced, I know that Iowans are going to band together and support each other as we recover from this storm. Senator ERNST and I stand ready to help with any Federal assistance Iowa may need, and I hope that you will not hesitate to contact our respective offices—both in Washington, DC, and in Iowa—if you need us.

For sure, if Governor Reynolds declares this as a disaster area, Senator ERNST and I will be quick to advise the President to follow the recommendations and requests of Governor Reynolds.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2500. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5269. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplement to Commission Guidance Regarding Proxy Voting Responsibilities of Investment Advisors" (Rel. No. IA-5547) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5270. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Covered Broker-Dealer Provisions under Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act" (RIN3064-AE39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5271. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Corporate Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemptions from the Proxy Rules for Proxy Voting Advice" (Rel. No. 34-89372) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5272. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (Docket No. FEMA-2020-0005) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5273. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (Docket No. FEMA-2020-0005) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5274. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (Docket No. FEMA-2020-0005) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5275. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (Docket No. FEMA-2020-0005) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5276. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule; National Flood Insurance Program: Conforming Changes to Reflect the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (BW-12) and the Homeowners Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014 (HFIAA), and Additional Clarifications for Plain Language" (RIN1660-AA95) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5277. A communication from the Deputy Division Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled "Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018" ((WC Docket No. 18-335) (FCC 20-100)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-232. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to provide flexible funding for state, local, and tribal governments to account for anticipated public budget shortfalls as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; to the Committee on Finance.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas, The rapid spread of the novel coronavirus disease 2019, abbreviated as COVID-19, was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020, and a national emergency by President Donald J. Trump on March 13, 2020; and

Whereas, State, local and tribal governments have been on the front lines of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, taking decisive and dramatic actions, including ordering the closure of nonessential businesses and issuing stay-at-home orders, in an effort to comply with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and protect the health and welfare of their citizens; and

Whereas, As the result of these momentous actions to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, state, local and tribal governments, many of which were flourishing economically before the outbreak of COVID-19, now face economic and fiscal crises of unprecedented proportions; and

Whereas, The Honorable Steve Sisolak, Governor of the State of Nevada, rapidly took action to combat the COVID-19 pandemic in the State of Nevada, issuing a series of Emergency Directives which, among other things, directed Nevadans to stay at home and provided for the closure of schools, casinos and gaming establishments and nonessential businesses; and

Whereas, The unemployment rate in the State of Nevada, which stood at a historically low 3.6 percent in February 2020, increased in just two months to 30.1 percent in April 2020, which is the highest level ever reported by a state in modern history; and

Whereas, The State of Nevada's General Fund now faces an estimated shortfall of approximately \$1.2 billion in Fiscal Year 2020-2021; and

Whereas, The State of Nevada and local and tribal governments in this State will be forced, just as other state, local and tribal governments in similar positions will be forced, to implement deep cuts in services and programs, many of which affect persons most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, unless federal relief is granted; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the members of the 31st Special Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge President Donald J. Trump and the Congress of the United States of America to provide further flexible funding for state, local and tribal governments to assist with anticipated public budget shortfalls as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this

resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 4521. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to reduce health care costs and expand health care coverage to more Americans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 4522. A bill to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to authorize appropriations for the United States-Israel Binational Agricultural Research and Development Fund; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 634

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mrs. LOEFFLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish tax credits to encourage individual and corporate taxpayers to contribute to scholarships for students through eligible scholarship-granting organizations and eligible workforce training organizations, and for other purposes.

S. 861

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 861, a bill to establish in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of the Department of State a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTI Peoples, and for other purposes.

S. 3067

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3067, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to combat the opioid crisis by promoting access to non-opioid treatments in the hospital outpatient setting.

S. 3546

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from South Carolina

(Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3546, a bill to waive high deductible health plan requirements for health savings accounts.

S. 3693

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3693, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to foster efficient markets and increase competition and transparency among packers that purchase livestock from producers.

S. 4150

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4150, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to provide assistance to certain providers of transportation services affected by the novel coronavirus.

S. 4152

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4152, a bill to provide for the adjustment or modification by the Secretary of Agriculture of loans for critical rural utility service providers, and for other purposes.

S. 4284

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 4284, a bill to provide for emergency education freedom grants, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish tax credits to encourage individual and corporate taxpayers to contribute to scholarships for students through eligible scholarship-granting organizations, and for other purposes.

S. 4317

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4317, a bill to lessen the burdens on interstate commerce by discouraging insubstantial lawsuits relating to COVID-19 while preserving the ability of individuals and businesses that have suffered real injury to obtain complete relief.

S. 4442

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4442, a bill to amend subtitle A of title

II of division A of the CARES Act to provide Pandemic Unemployment Assistance to individuals with mixed income sources, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 5

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 5, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

S. RES. 673

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 673, a resolution affirming that the New START Treaty extension will cover new deployed Russian nuclear delivery systems, and supporting additional initiatives to engage China that advance the goal of concluding an arms control treaty or agreement.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 11 a.m., Wednesday, August 12; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; finally, that following leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. MCCONNELL. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:26 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 11 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nomination received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JUSTIN E. HERDMAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE JESSIE K. LIU, RESIGNED.